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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, and in accordance with a telephone conversation/interview between Applicants and the Examiner.

More particularly, in reviewing the cited and applied reference, Omura et al., U.S. 2003/0069931 A1, published April 10, 2003, Applicants noted that this application was not an appropriate reference. During the telephone conversation, the Examiner acknowledged Omura et al. was not an appropriate reference in view of the filing date of the subject application. The Examiner indicated that this Response should be filed pointing out that Omura et al. was not an appropriate reference, and the Examiner would acknowledge the same.

It should be noted that by pointing out the above, Applicants are not in any manner agreeing with the arguments for rejection set forth in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted no art has been cited which would cause the present claims to stand rejected, and therefore the claims as presently presented are in condition for allowance.

An early notice to that effect is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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